

Acts 14:21-15:12 “The Council on Salvation”

Acts 14:21-28

Returning Home, Retracing & Revisiting

- Appoints Local Shepherds
- Continue in the Faith, Expect Tribulation
- Mt 24, 2 Tim 3:1

1st Missions Conference at Sending Church

- Stories, Testimonies of Gentile Conversions

Acts 15:1-5

The Judiazers Come! Gal 2:4 False Brothers

- Error? A “Jesus Plus” Theology
- Settling the Issue by Delegation to Jerusalem

V5 Different Men- Same Confusion

- Believing but Confused Pharisees
- Completed Jews- Completed Gentiles?

Acts 15:1-5

1st Church Council- Pastors Conference

- Big Issue.....How a Sinner Gets to Heaven
- 1st 700 years..... 8 Church Councils

Defining THIS Council

- No Power Hierarchy- Confirm What is True
- What They are Not Deciding....
- Is Faith in Jesus Work Enough to Save?

Acts 15:6-9

4 Truths, Arguments that Faith is Enough

#1 God’s Direct Revelation Acts 10

- God Directed Peter, Spoke, OT Verifies

#2 Presence of the Holy Spirit in the Believers

- Acts 10:45, 11:17 Proof.... No Distinction
- Eph 1:13-14 Regenerated, Sealed & Indwelled

Acts 15:10-11

#3 Challenging & Offending God

- Heaven’s Perspective- Logic of Rom 5
- God’s Wrath on His Son is Not Enough?

Why Religion & Cults Cannot Save

- Rom 4:4 Religion and Wages
- Isa 64:6 Comparing and Shocking

#4 The Law Never Saved..... Jew or Gentile

- Purpose? Standard to Expose Sin
- Gal 3:24 Our Tutor, Mirror, Thermometer

Confusion over Symbols and Rituals

- They Demonstrate Faith but Don't Save
- Genuine Faith: The Means of & it's Results

Acts 15:11-12

Peter says... Be saved Like a Pagan!

2 Final Thoughts

1. Be Wary..... Tampering with the Bible
 - Grace Necessary for Health, not Excuse to Sin

2. Shocking Rom 4:5 Justifies the Ungodly